



## Gwaii Haanas Tour Operators Association

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Honourable Geoff Regan  
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans  
House of Commons  
Parliament Buildings  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Honourable Minister,

Thank you for your letter regarding Rockfish Conservation Areas, dated February 3, 2005.

Unfortunately, members of the Gwaii Haanas Tour Operators Association are dissatisfied with your reply.

As a result, we have launched a new website:

**[www.GwaiiHaanasTours.bc.ca/rockfish](http://www.GwaiiHaanasTours.bc.ca/rockfish)**

The site promotes and records our efforts to resolve the food-fishing issues related to Rockfish Conservation Areas in the waters surrounding Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve & Haida Heritage Site, on the Queen Charlotte Islands of British Columbia.

I understand that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is currently meeting in order to finalize the next round of Rockfish Conservation Areas. These meetings are a good opportunity for the DFO to consider the significant tourism impacts resulting from RCA #59 and to implement a solution to the problem.

We are hopeful that our government will find a way to promptly correct this problem and we would appreciate your assistance during our campaign to resolve this critical issue.

We request your reply confirming you have become familiar with this issue, after viewing the website mentioned above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gord Pincock  
GHTOA President